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**Office of the Medical Examiner  
In the County of Dallas  
State of Texas**

This affidavit is in compliance with Texas Rules of Criminal Evidence, Rule 902(10b).

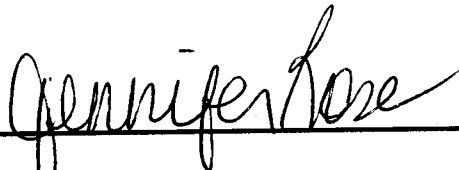
Case No. IFS-18-01004 in the matter of

Knipe, Matthew Kyle, deceased.

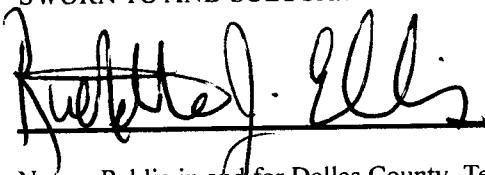
Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Jennifer Rose, who being duly sworn, deposed as follows:

My name is Jennifer Rose. I am over 21 years of age, of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and personally acquainted with the facts herein stated:

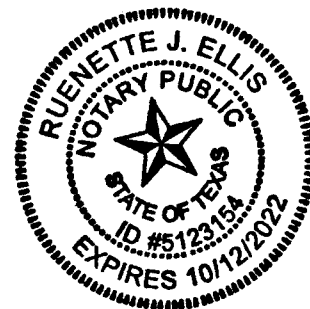
I am the Deputy Custodian of Records of the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office. Attached hereto are 5 pages of records and XX photographs from the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office. These said 5 pages of records and XX photographs are kept by the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office in the regular course of business, and it was the regular course of business of the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office for an employee or representative, or a doctor permitted to practice in the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office, with personal knowledge of the act, event, condition, opinion or diagnosis, recorded to make the record or to transmit information thereof to be included in such record; and the record was made at or near the time or reasonably soon thereafter. The records attached hereto are the original or exact duplicates of the original.

  
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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on March 21, 2019

  
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Notary Public in and for Dallas County, Texas  
My commission expires



(By statute, the original records are retained by the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office. See Art. 49.25, Sec. 11, Vernons Texas Statutes, CCP.)



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Office of the Medical Examiner  
Autopsy Report



Case: IFS-18-01004 - ME

Decedent: Knipe, Matthew Kyle 28 years White Male DOB: 05/11/1989

Date of Death: 01/14/2018 (Estimated)

Time of Death: 08:00 AM (Estimated)

Examination Performed: 01/15/2018 09:10 AM

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Body Weight: 165 lbs BMI: 27.45

Body Length: 65 in

**ORGAN WEIGHTS:**

Brain: 1,350 g	Right Lung: 620 g	Right Kidney: 130 g
Heart: 290 g	Left Lung: 590 g	Left Kidney: 150 g
Liver: 1,490 g	Spleen: 160 g	

**EXTERNAL EXAMINATION**

Photographs, fingerprints and palm prints are taken. The hands are not received bagged.

When first viewed, the body is clad in a long sleeve navy sweater, blue jeans, black briefs, and two white socks. Accompanying the body, there are medications which are transferred to "Drug Submission". On the right fourth finger, there is a yellow metal class ring which is left on the body.

The body is that of a normally developed white male, appearing consistent with the recorded age of 28 years. The body is of average build and is overweight, measuring 65 inches in length and weighing 165 pounds. There is good preservation in the absence of embalming. There is almost fixed, posterior and lower lividity with partial rigidity. The body is cool to the touch, subsequent to refrigeration.

The scalp hair is straight and brown, measuring up to 3-1/2 inches. There is brown stubble over the beard and mustache areas. The scalp and ears are unremarkable. The eyes are closed and have a clear corneae and blue-gray irides. The conjunctivae show tache noire. The nose is unremarkable. The mouth is unremarkable aside from the tip of the tongue protruding from between the teeth. The natural teeth appear to be in very good condition. The face is unremarkable. The neck contains injury to be described below. The chest is unremarkable. The abdomen is flat. The body hair is average in amount and distribution for an adult male. The genitalia are those of a circumcised adult male. The back is unremarkable. The limbs are equally and symmetrically developed and contain injury to be described below.



Accredited by The National Association of Medical Examiners

Knipe, Matthew Kyle

IDENTIFYING MARKS AND SCARS

No scars are noted.

There are tattoos on the chest and upper extremities.

EVIDENCE OF TREATMENT

None is present.

EVIDENCE OF INJURY

Hanging:

There is a very tight ligature around the upper neck. It consists of 3/8 inch diameter, multicolored braided rope secured around the neck by a double knot, with 31-1/2 inches extending beyond the knot to a cut end.

Encircling the uppermost neck, there is a 3/8 to 1/2 inch wide, abraded tan furrow which crosses from around the neck above the larynx and extends posteriorly and superiorly on each side to join at a wider, up to 1 inch area behind the left ear at the hairline, where the knot was. The lowest point of the furrow is in the anterior midline, centered 9 inches below the top of the head.

An anterior neck dissection reveals no internal injuries of the neck.

Other injuries:

On the left knee, there is a 1/2 inch red abrasion. On the left shin, there is a vertically oriented, 2 inch, abraded pink contusion.

These injuries, having been once described, will not be repeated.

EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

The following are submitted to the Criminal Investigation Laboratory: ligature and blood standard.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

**BODY CAVITIES:** The thoracic and abdominal organs are in their normal anatomic positions. The body cavities contain no adhesions or abnormal collections of fluid.

**HEAD:** The scalp, subscalpular area, and skull are unremarkable. The dura and dural sinuses are unremarkable. There are no epidural, subdural or subarachnoid hemorrhages. The leptomeninges are thin and delicate. The cerebral hemispheres are symmetrical, with an unremarkable gyral pattern. The cranial nerves and blood vessels are unremarkable. Sections through the cerebral hemispheres, brainstem, and cerebellum are unremarkable. There are no hemorrhages of the deep white matter or the basal ganglia. The cerebral ventricles contain no blood. The spinal cord, as viewed from the cranial cavity, is unremarkable.

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NECK: See previous description. An anterior neck dissection is negative for injury.

**CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:** The pericardium, epicardium and endocardium are smooth, glistening, and unremarkable. There are no thrombi in the atria or ventricles. The foramen ovale is closed. The coronary arterial system is left dominant and is free of atherosclerosis. The cardiac valves are unremarkable. The atria and ventricular septa are intact. The myocardium is dark red-brown and firm, and there are no focal abnormalities. The pulmonary arteries contain no thromboemboli. The aorta is of usual course and caliber and its intimal surface is free of atherosclerosis.

**RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:** The upper airway is unobstructed. The laryngeal mucosa is smooth and unremarkable, without petechiae. The pleural surfaces are smooth and glistening. The major bronchi are unremarkable. Sectioning of the lungs discloses a dark red-blue, moderately congested parenchyma.

**HEPATOBIILIARY SYSTEM:** The liver is covered by a smooth, glistening capsule. The parenchyma is dark red-brown and moderately congested. The gallbladder contains approximately 5 mL of dark green bile, with no calculi.

**LYMPHORETICULAR SYSTEM:** The spleen is covered by a smooth, blue-gray, intact capsule. The parenchyma is dark red. The cervical, hilar, and peritoneal lymph nodes are unremarkable.

**GENITOURINARY SYSTEM:** The capsules of both kidneys strip with ease to reveal smooth and slightly lobulated surfaces. The cortices are of normal thickness, with well-demarcated corticomedullary junctions. The calyces, pelves, and ureters are unremarkable. The urinary bladder contains approximately 20 mL of slightly cloudy light yellow urine. The mucosa is pale tan, glistening and mildly trabeculated. The prostate gland is unremarkable externally and upon sectioning.

**GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM:** The esophageal mucosa is gray, smooth, and unremarkable. The stomach contains approximately 10 mL of pale tan fluid. There are no tablets or capsules. The gastric mucosa has normal rugal folds, and there are no ulcers. The small and large intestines are externally unremarkable. The appendix is present. The pancreas is unremarkable externally and upon sectioning.

**ENDOCRINE SYSTEM:** The thyroid is of usual shape, size and contour, but is black throughout. The adrenals are unremarkable externally and upon sectioning.

**MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM:** The clavicles, ribs, sternum, pelvis, and vertebral column have no fractures. The diaphragm is intact. The body wall fat measures up to 1 inch in maximal thickness.



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**TOXICOLOGY:**

**Evidence Submitted:**

The following items were received by the Laboratory from Forensic Pathology:

- 007: Biohazard Bag
- 007-001: Blood, femoral - gray top tube
- 007-002: Blood, femoral - gray top tube
- 007-003: Blood, femoral - gray top tube
- 007-004: Urine - red top tube
- 007-005: Vitreous - red top tube
- 007-006: Skeletal muscle - plastic tube
- 007-007: Blood, subclavian - gray top tube
- 007-008: Blood, subclavian - red top tube

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**Blood, postmortem**

**Acid/Neutral Screen (GC/MS)**

negative (Item# 007-003)

**Alcohols/Acetone (GC)**

negative (Item# 007-007)

**Alkaline Quantitation (GC/FID)**

chlordiazepoxide: 3.77 mg/L (Item# 007-001)

quetiapine: 0.05 mg/L (Item# 007-001)

**Alkaline Screen (GC/MS)**

results reported in reflex assays

**Benzodiazepines (LC/MS)**

demethyldiazepam: 0.031 mg/L (Item# 007-001)

**Marihuana/Cannabinoids (LC/MS)**

tetrahydrocannabinol: 8.4 ng/mL (Item# 007-001)

carboxytetrahydrocannabinol: 12.5 ng/mL (Item# 007-001)

**Vitreous**

**Alcohols/Acetone (GC)**

negative (Item# 007-005)



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**FINDINGS:**

1. Hanging:

- a. Ligature around neck.
- b. Abraded furrow around neck.

2. Black thyroid.

3. Trabeculated urinary bladder.

4. Chronic ethanolism, by history.

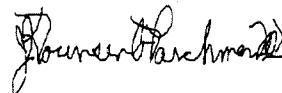
5. History that the deceased was found hanging, partially suspended, from a pull-up bar attached to the door jam of his closet at home. Further history that a suicide-type note was present.

**CONCLUSIONS:**

It is my opinion that Matthew Kyle Knipe, a 28-year-old white male, died as a result of hanging, which was self-inflicted.

**MANNER OF DEATH:** Suicide

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02/22/2018

Janis K Townsend-Parchman, M.D.  
Medical Examiner

